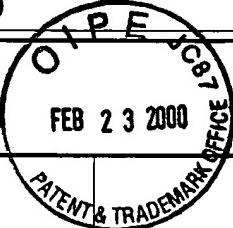


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
CEDAR-038135

In Re Application Of: Ramez E. Shehada, et al.



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**Invention: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR LASER INDUCED
FLUORESCENCE ATTENUATION SPECTROSCOPY**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 16, 1999 above-identified application.
Date:

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: **November 16, 1999** until: **February 16, 2000**
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$435 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2460
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 16-2460 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: February 16, 2000

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on Feb. 16, 2000 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

Karen Wurefel

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